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E.O.12065: GDS (1/30/86) (DUBOSE R) OR-P
TAGS: PEPR, TD, JM
SUBJECT: MANLEY EXPLAINS WHAT HE ACTUALLY MEANT
1. (U) OPPOSITION LEADER EDWARD SEAGA, ACCORDING TO THE DAILY GLEANER, HAS SCORED AGAIN ON MANLEY. SEAGA QUITES MANLEY TALKING ABOUT TRINIDAD/TOBAGO AT A RECENT PARTY CONFERENCE.
" THEY SAY THAT TRINIDAD HAS OIL BUT THEY ARE ALLOWING THE OIL JUST TO FLOW LIKE A DOES OF SALT THROUGH THE COUNTRY CADALLACS, MERCEDES BENZ CORNFLAKES AND THEY CANT EVEN PATCH A BLASTED ROAD.
"YOU CAN BUY CADILLACS IF YOU ORDER IT BY A LETTER, BUT YOU WILL NEVER GET ONE IF YOU TRY TO ORDER IT BY TELEPHOONE BECAUSE THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM DOESN'T WORK. SO YOU BETTER LEARN TO WRITE AND THEY DONT HAVE A LITERACY PROGRAMME SO THAT MEANS SOME CAN NEVER ORDER A CADILLAC"
2. (U) MANLEY, QUICK TO RIPOSTE, WHILE NOT DENYING THE REMARKS EXPLAINED THAT THEY WERE TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT AND WERE NOT MEANT TO OFFEND.
" THE CONTEXT IN WHICH MY REMARKS WERE MADE IS VERY IMPOTANT TO ANY CONSIDERATION OF THE SPEECH
"I WAS DISCUSSING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BEING FACED BY
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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN COMMON OIL PRODUCING AND OIL IMPORTING ALIKE.
" I WAS SEEKING TO CONVEY THE IDEA THAT THE POSSESSION OF VAST REVENUES COMING FROM OIL DOES NOT BY ITSELF SECURE DEVELOPMENT NOR DOES IT REMOVE THE DIFFICULTIES OF EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION..... MY REMARKS WERE NOT INTENDED TO OFFEND. I REGRET THAT MR SEAGA'S INTERPRETATION OF AN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS WHICH TO TOOK OUT OF CONTEXT HAS CREATED A SITUATION WHICH COULD DAMAGE THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN JAMAICA AND OTHER CARICOM COUNTRIES WHICH I HAVE ALWAYS TRIED TO FOSTER"
3. [redacted]

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